

Cold Read Task Student Prompt

Read the excerpt from *Julie of the Wolves* by Jean Craighead George independently before answering a combination of multiple-choice and constructed-response questions about the text using evidence for all answers.

1. Part A: Which statement best describes the central idea of the text?

- a. Miyax is far from home and in need of help.
- b. Miyax misses her father and has forgotten the lessons he taught her.
- c. Miyax is cold and lacks appropriate clothing.
- d. Miyax is surrounded by a pack of unfriendly wolves.

- Part B: Which sentence best helps develop the central idea?

- a. "Miyax pushed back the hood of her sealskin parka and looked at the Arctic sun."
- b. "Somewhere in this cosmos was Miyax; and the very life in her body, its spark and warmth, depended upon these wolves for survival."
- c. "The next night the wolf called him from far away and her father went to him and found a freshly killed caribou."
- d. He had ignored her since she first came upon them, two sleeps ago."

2. Part A: What is the purpose of this sentence in paragraph 1: "No roads cross it; ponds and lakes freckle its immensity"?

- a. It illustrates the theme that human beings should keep the natural world pure and unpolluted.
- b. It shows how beautiful the setting seems to Miyax.
- c. It helps develop the theme that nature connects all living things together.
- d. It emphasizes how the setting of the story creates great challenges for Miyax.

Part B: Which other sentence from the story serves a similar purpose?

- a. "Quietly she put down her cooking pot and crept to the top of a dome-shaped frost heave, one of the many earth buckles that rise and fall in the crackling cold of the Arctic winter."
- b. "They were wagging their tails as they awoke and saw each other."
- c. "Winds scream across it, and the view in every direction is exactly the same."
- d. "Unfortunately, Miyax's father never explained to her how he had told the wolf of his needs."

3. Part A: Choose one word that describes Miyax based on evidence from the text. There is more than one correct choice listed below.

- a. reckless
- b. lively
- c. imaginative
- d. observant
- e. impatient
- f. confident

Part B: Find a sentence in the passage with details that support your response to Part A.

Part C: Find another sentence in the passage with details that support your response to Part A.

4. In the passage, the author developed a strong character named Miyax. Think about Miyax and the details the author used to create that character. The passage ends with Miyax waiting for the black wolf to look at her. Write an original story to continue where the passage ended. In your story, be sure to use what you have learned about the character Miyax as you tell what happens to her next.